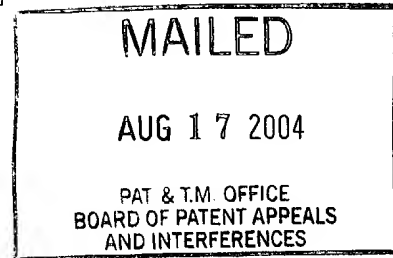


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte CAROLINE M. YLITALO, RONALD K. THERY,
and RICHARD L. SEVERANCE

Application No. 09/911,279

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 20, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal on November 10, 2003 and an Oral Hearing on May 19, 2004. A review of the file reveals that the required fees were not charged for the Notice of Appeal and Oral Hearing. Before further review of this file, these fees must be applied to the appellants' account.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) entry of the Notice of Appeal and Oral Hearing fees; and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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